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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING OPTICAL
FIBER PREFORM USING MCVD WITH PREHEATING PROCESS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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This communication is filed in response to the office communication mailed February 11, 2008. In that office communication, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-17, stated by the Examiner as being drawn to a method of manufacture using MCVD; or
- II. Claims 18-25, stated by the Examiner as being drawn to an apparatus.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-17) without traverse. It is noted that the subject matter of Group II is believed sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of Group I would encompass a search for the subject matter of all groups. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider rejoining the apparatus claims of Group II upon a finding of allowability of the claims of Group I.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required to Deposit Account No. 061910.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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